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In re application of

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The undersigned, on behalf of the petitioner, BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION, represents that the petitioner, BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION is the owner of the entire right, title and interest of U.S. Application No. 09/042,642, filed on March 17, 1998 for PNEUAMTIC TIRE INCLUDING SIPES, now issued as U.S. Patent 6,283,184 as well as the entire right, title and interest in the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/851,958, by virtue of an Assignment from all of the inventors thereof executed on March 6, 1998, recorded on March 17, 1998, at Reel 9056, Frame 0121, by virtue of the same Assignment from all of the inventors thereof executed on March 6, 1998, recorded on March 17, 1998, at Reel 9056, Frame 0121.

Petitioner hereby certifies that the above-mentioned Assignment has been reviewed and to the best of petitioner's knowledge and belief, title is in petitioner who is seeking to take this action.

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Petitioner hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/851,958 that would extend beyond the expiration of the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of U.S. Patent 6,283,184, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/851,958 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to U.S. Patent 6,283,184 shall be the same as the legal title to said patent issuing from the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/851,958, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/851,958 and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

Petitioner does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/851,958 prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of U.S. Patent 6,283,184 in the event that U.S. Patent 6,283,184 later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(a), has all claims cancelled by a Reexamination Certificate, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

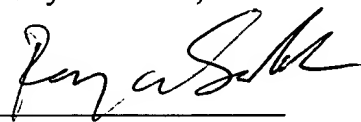
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